

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JANUARY 25—
Last 24 hours' rainfall, .02; Temperature, max.
74; min. 63; Weather, cloudy with evening showers.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1905.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS HAVE SPICY INTERCHANGE

Sharp Correspondence Over Subjects of Public Importance Comes to Light.

Small Farming, Steamship Fares, the Yellow Peril and Tourist Trade Among the Subjects Vigorously Treated by Merchants' Association.

At the annual meeting of the Merchants' Association held yesterday interest was centered upon the very full report of the committee appointed to look into the matter of cheaper passenger rates between this city and the mainland. From time to time news regarding the progress of the committee's work has been given to the public but now for the first time a complete report of the efforts of the association for reasonable rates is printed together with the correspondence carried on by the committee in its efforts to get the existing companies to lower rates or to induce a new company to put a steamer line in operation.

From the report it is easy to see that the work of the committee has not been an unalloyed pleasure. Not only has the committee had to buck against an unwillingness on the part of the steamer lines to lower present rates but according to their report they have met with opposition at home. The report strongly implies that the board of directors of the Planters' Association is controlled by the steamship interests and that no relief can be expected from that source. The correspondence between the Merchants and the Planters is exceedingly interesting reading.

In their last letter to the Planters the committee got into the labor question very fully. They charge the planters with flooding the Territory with cheap Asiatic labor and then when the rising generation of Hawaiian-born Asiatics resulting from this immigration threatens to become the dominating power in the electorate neglecting though not refusing to aid in a proposition which is designed to attract Americans here to offset the Asiatic population. A strong plea is made for cheap rates not only to increase tourist traffic but as a means of getting Americans to come with a view to settling. Strong points in favor of Hawaiian agriculture are made.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The first business of the association was the report of the board of directors. This gave a resume of the work of the past year and a forecast of the coming year's efforts. The main things accomplished during the past year were the engagement of permanent headquarters and an assistant secretary for the association, the sending of a representative to Washington in connection with the Chamber of Commerce, stopping the furnishing of coal to foreign warships from the naval supplies, endorsement of the work of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, harbor work, reducing of tax returns, work for Federal Building, abolition of trading stamps, suits to determine the "cash value" of merchandise.

Among things which the association is working for now are more equitable distribution of taxation, reduced steamship rates, railway mail service on the trans-Pacific steamers between here and San Francisco and a decision from the Supreme Court on the question of Corporation Exhibits, by purely mercantile corporations, whose stocks are not listed or sold to the general public. The report of the directors speaks hopefully of the future as forecasted by the present bright outlook for the main industry of the islands.

TAXATION REFORM.

After the reading of the report of the Committee on Reduced Steamship Rates, printed in full below, the report of the Committee which has been investigating a more equitable system of taxation was read. This took the form of a bill which may be submitted to the County Act Commission or to the next Legislature. The main features are a one per cent tax on all real property and the provision that all accounts of merchants must be kept in the English language. The bill provides for the examination of accounts of all merchants whose stock is less in value than a quarter of their annual sales. Such merchants are taxed upon the amount of their annual sales. Others are taxed upon the value of their stock. Heavy penalties are imposed on those making false inventories or otherwise seeking to evade taxation. This report was not considered at the meeting yesterday but was laid over until a special meeting which is to be called by the directors soon.

At this meeting the report of the committee on publicity and promotion will also be considered together with a resolution decrying the action of the Governor in taking away the licenses of corporations which have not transgressed any law of the Territory. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of over \$800 in the treasury. The last report was that of the nominating committee which proposed the following men for directors: Robert Catton,

W. W. Harris, J. F. Humburg, J. A. Kennedy, W. T. Lucas, M. Phillips, G. W. Smith, R. H. Trent and J. Wakefield. The association unanimously elected them and adjourned.

REPORT OF REDUCED RATES COMMITTEE.

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 19, 1905.
To the President and Members, Honolulu Merchants' Association, City.
Gentlemen: The committee appointed by you to endeavor to secure lower and more equitable passenger rates between Honolulu and Pacific Coast ports, beg to report as follows:

Feeling that the first essential toward the object in view, was to endeavor to secure a guarantee of sufficient return freight, it was decided to address the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, and to solicit from them such a guarantee, and the following correspondence on the subject is herewith submitted, viz.:

First: Letter to Hawaiian Planters' Association, dated July 23, 1904.

Second: Reply of the Planters' Association, dated August 5, 1904, stating that "after careful consideration it was decided impracticable to comply with your request for a guarantee of 2000 tons of freight per month."

Third: Letter to the San Francisco Merchants' Association, soliciting their co-operation, dated July 23, 1904.

Fourth: Reply of San Francisco Merchants' Association, requesting certain information, dated August 5, 1904.

Fifth: Letter to Oceanic Steamship Co., dated July 23, 1904.

Sixth: Reply of Oceanic S. S. Co., dated September 7, 1904.

Seventh: Letter to the Hawaiian Planters' Association, dated November

2, 1904, soliciting its assistance toward obtaining a subsidy, failing a favorable reconsideration of our request for guarantee of freight.

Eighth: Reply of Planters' Association, rejecting both propositions, dated December 6, 1904.

Your committee regret to report that so far nothing has definitely resulted, but more or less impatient refusals to favorably consider any proposals tending to the accomplishment of the desired end.

PLANTERS' BLOCK WORK.

It is desired, however, to point out some features that were presented to the minds of your committee, which to some extent may account for the unwillingness of the Hawaiian Planters' Association to render the required assistance.

It has been found that seven of the nine Trustees of the Hawaiian Planters' Association are representatives of agents for freight and passenger lines, either handling steam or sailing vessels, or both, and that practically the same persons represent the Factors' Union, whose special mission is understood to be the marketing and transportation of sugars.

It was also noticed that no reply was written by the Oceanic Steamship Company to our letter of July 23, 1904, until September 7, or a month after the Planters' Association had declined to guarantee the required freight.

Your committee, therefore, conclude

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BIG COMPANY TO GROW RUBBER AT NAHIKU, MAUI

Corporation Formed to Plant a Forest on Soil Which Has Done Well Already With Specimen Rubber Trees.

The first rubber company to operate a plantation on American soil filed articles of incorporation yesterday with Territorial Treasurer Campbell, the estate to be located at Nahiku, Island of Maui, Hawaiian Islands. The nucleus for the plantation comprises a number of trees planted six, four, three and two years ago as an experiment, and scorings made upon those matured have developed a quality of rubber which was pronounced yesterday by a representative of one of the large mainland rubber manufacturing companies to be of the very best.

The filing of the incorporation articles marks one of the developments of the small farming idea consistently advocated by the Advertiser.

The officers of the company, which is to be known as the Nahiku Rubber Company, Limited, are as follows:

W. W. Hall, president; W. E. Shaw, vice-president; W. A. Anderson, secretary and treasurer; R. H. Anderson, director and manager; Dr. E. C. Waterhouse, director; Mr. Howland, auditor; H. L. Shaw, incorporator.

Dr. Waterhouse has personally examined and scored the trees at Nahiku, the youngest of which now have a girth of 34 inches, considerably more than is to be found in trees of the same variety in other rubber-producing countries. The rubber is clean and of

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SEVERE WINTER STORM ON ATLANTIC COAST

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The city is covered with a foot of snow. The coast from Delaware north is stormbound and all traffic is delayed. Several people have been frozen to death. No ship has sailed or arrived. There is a conflagration raging in the Bronx district where fifty houses are burning.

THE MAHUKONA ASHORE.

ASTORIA, Jan. 26.—The schooner Mahukona is ashore at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The schooner Mahukona, Captain Marsters, is of 653 tons and is engaged in the lumber trade between Portland, O., and San Pedro, California.

THE CZAR YIELDS CONCESSIONS TO ANGRY WORKMEN

Political, Educational and Mercantile Bodies Denounce the Autocratic Form of Government and Demand Representative Institutions. The Cossacks Fire on People in Finland.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 26.—Trepoff, the military governor, has issued a proclamation telling the strikers that they are being led into trouble by agitators and promising that the Czar will revise the laws and remove all grievances. It is hoped that this will induce the labor element to return to work.

BOLD WORDS AGAINST DESPOTISM.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 26.—Political, educational and mercantile bodies have passed resolutions in favor of a representative legislative body and denouncing autocracy.

COSSACKS DISPERSE WORKMEN.

MOSCOW, Jan. 26.—The Cossacks have dispersed 3000 workmen.

THE COSSACKS FIRE.

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 26.—The Cossacks fired upon a crowd of 10,000 workmen last night, wounding thirty.

RIGA'S STREETS PATROLLED.

RIGA, Jan. 26.—The strike is general. The streets are patrolled by troops.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.—The Cossacks on guard in the city today fired on a body of 3000 workmen making a demonstration. Many men were wounded.

The strike is spreading to many branches of industry. All the printing works have been closed and the strikers have been given the choice of resuming work within twenty-four hours or being deported.

A message from the Emperor to the workmen is expected tomorrow.

Gorky, the author, who favors the revolutionists, has been arrested.

FIGHTING THE LADRONES.

MANILA, Jan. 26.—In an engagement yesterday ten ladrones were killed and seven prisoners taken. The fighting continues. An attempt to rescue the wife and children of the abducted Governor Trias was unsuccessful.

CANADIAN ELECTIONS.

TORONTO, Jan. 26.—The Liberals of this city defeated the Conservatives, 69 to 29. All other cities of Canada except Ottawa report Conservative victories.

EITEL FRITZ ILL.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Prince Eitel is ill with pneumonia.

Prince Wilhelm Eitel-Friedrich is the second son of the Emperor of Germany. He was born July 7, 1883.

VIENNA'S TURBULENT ELECTION.

VIENNA, Jan. 26.—The parliamentary elections will occur today. Rioting and bloodshed are expected.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE.

MADISON, Jan. 26.—La Follette has been elected Senator.